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ADMIRE FLOAT . . . Officials of the Tournament of Roses joined members of the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association Wednesday evening as the city said "thanks" to people who helped put Torrance's prize winning entry in the 1969 parade together. Admiring a photograph of the float, which won first prize for California cities between 100,000 and 150,000, are (from left) Florence Robertson, decorations chairman; Bob Natzel, representing the float committee of the Rose Parade; Otis Blasingham, executive committee member of the tournament of Roses; Max Pridmore, Torrance Area Youth Band president; and Bob Vroman, president of the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association. (Press-Herald Photo)

Nollac Dismissed From City Engineering Post

City Aide Will Seek Appeal of Guilty Ruling

By NATALIE HALL
 Press-Herald Staff Writer

Shock and disbelief registered on the faces of spectators following a special Civil Service Commission meeting Wednesday night as word spread through the crowd that City Engineer Walter M. Nollac had been dismissed.

In a meeting that lasted barely three minutes, commissioners formally presented their findings in the Nollac case to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, then adjourned.

They didn't even announce the results of their three-month hearing. Only after copies of their findings were handed to the press did onlookers learn that the commission had voted 5-1 to recommend dismissal.

Ferraro, upon receiving the report, exercised his option immediately in dismissing Nollac.

UPON LEARNING the news, one city employee exploded, "You can quote me as saying, 'Blank blank blanky blank blank!'"

A woman spectator exclaimed, "I just don't believe in justice any more!"

In short, the Civil Service Commission found Nollac guilty of inefficiency and failure to perform duties on three of the 17 charges brought against him by Ferraro.

SOLE DISSENTING vote was cast by Scott Albright, new chairman of the Civil Service Commission. Albright found Nollac guilty of inefficiency on only one count and recommended a 90-day period of suspension to begin last Dec. 8, the day Nollac was suspended from duty.

Nollac, who had no fore-

knowledge of the commission's decision, expressed surprise and dismay at the ruling. He said he will probably appeal the case to the City Council, but will delay his decision until his attorney, Walter Young, returns from Mexico Saturday.

COMMISSIONERS found Nollac guilty of inefficiency in (See NOLLAC, Page A-2)

Complete Election Results

Voting here last Tuesday in the Torrance Board of Education race was the lightest in several years, according to semi-official final returns.

Incumbents Bert M. Lynn and Burton Belzer won reelection and Stanley Dunn, chairman of the city's Youth Welfare Commission, was elected to fill the third vacancy.

Only 7,318 voters of nearly 62,000 eligible persons went to the polls. The turnout represents about 12 per cent of the eligible voters.

Complete, unofficial returns from the city's 37 precincts are:

Bert M. Lynn	3,992
Burton Belzer	3,637
Stanley Dunn	3,391
Rev. J. Nagel	2,548
John Kirby	2,482
Edgar Stevers	2,180
Leroy Hovey	1,592
Mrs. M. Jones	1,440
El Camino Board	
William Moss	5,421

Officer Shoots Suspect

A 28-year-old carpenter was shot twice by a Torrance police officer Thursday evening after the man allegedly pulled a gun on the officer.

Julio Anthony McCarthy, who police said has been staying at a motel at 2245 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, was taken to the prison ward at Los Angeles County General Hospital.

He was booked on charges of attempted robbery, attempted murder of a police officer, and burglary.



SGT. JAMES L. FARRAR



DET. DONALD V. LEMASTE

POLICE gave this account of the shooting:

About 8:45 p.m. Thursday, a woman customer told the manager of the Lucky Market, 3860 W. Sepulveda Blvd., that she had observed a man with a gun standing outside the store.

The manager called Torrance police and Officer Dennis Cook, 26, responded to the call. Cook observed the man standing near the market, his hand covered by a newspaper, upon arrival.

When the officer called to the suspect and said he wanted to talk to him, the man turned and started running south on Ocean Avenue.

AFTER A short chase, the suspect dropped the newspaper, revealing a handgun. He then started to turn and bring the gun into position, apparently to fire at the officer.

Cook yelled at the suspect, then fired one shot, hitting the man in the left shoulder. When the suspect attempted once more to aim his weapon, Cook fired a second shot, hitting the man in the right shoulder.

(See SHOOTING, Page A-2)

Study Youth

Police Officers Are Graduated

Sgt. James L. Farrar and Det. Donald V. Lemaster of the Torrance Police Department were graduated from University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute, where they received post-graduate level training in the latest methods of handling juvenile offenders.

During Sergeant Farrar's six years with the Torrance Police Department, he has served in the patrol, vice and intelligence, traffic, and detective divisions. For the past eight months, he has been watch sergeant in patrol. He is qualified as an expert in all phases of narcotic enforcement up to the appellate level.

A graduate of Torrance High School, Sergeant Farrar attended El Camino College, UC

Riverside, and UCLA. He is active in Pop Warner football and enjoys hunting, fishing, prospecting, and flying. Farrar and wife Norma have two daughters.

OFFICER Lemaster has served in patrol, traffic, and detective divisions during his 13 years with the department. He is currently assigned to the detective division, where he has investigated burglaries, robberies, and murders.

Detective Lemaster studied journalism at Compton College and police science at El Camino College and Cal State, Los Angeles. Off-duty interests include scuba diving, flying, hunting, fishing, photography. He is a licensed commercial passenger boat captain.

Lemaster and his wife Louise have a son and a daughter.

Seminar Series Is Citywide Project

"For the first time I sort of understand the hippies and I'm not so afraid of teenagers."

That was the comment of one mother following a session of Project QUEST.

Her reaction is typical of the parents and teenagers who have been exposed to the project, launched by a young man with the aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach.

AND MONDAY night, Project QUEST goes citywide under the sponsorship of the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission and the Torrance Youth Council.

Question. Understand. Experience. Search. Talk.

That's the purpose of the series of seminars, led by Thomas Drucker, a candidate for a doctoral degree at UCLA. During the next few weeks, Drucker will lead discussions on such subjects as The Addictive Personality, Identity Crisis in Parent and Child, The Sexual Revolution, The Games Parents and Students Play, Marijuana Versus Alcohol, and Drug Culture.

DRUCKER came to this area to lead a group of seminars after Bruce Donley, a volunteer worker who works closely with people caught up

in the web of narcotics and drugs, heard him speak at UCLA.

Feeling that Drucker had something to say which his friends should hear, Donley approached the Rev. Paul Cox and the Rev. George McLaird of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The two ministers agreed to sponsor two months of seminars (See SEMINAR, Page A-2)

16 Area Libraries Join New System

Sixteen area cities—including Torrance—will launch a new cooperative library system Monday as the annual observance of National Library Week gets under way.

To be known as the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, the new venture will put more than a million books and other library services at the disposal of residents of the city.

Any borrower who holds a card from one of the 16 member libraries will be able to borrow books, periodicals, films, and other materials—subject to local rules—from any member library.

LOCAL libraries which are members of the metropolitan system include Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, and Santa Monica.

Torrance also has reciprocal agreements with the Los Angeles city and county libraries, enabling patrons with Torrance library cards to use the facilities of both systems. Leased-line telephone and

teletype communications systems connect the 16 library systems and requests for books and other materials may be made at any branch in the metropolitan system.

RUSSELL J. West, Torrance city librarian, said the Torrance system, which was launched just last July, now has 124,000 books in the five branches which serve the city. The library also offers film rentals, fine arts loan services, phonograph records, and other personalized services.

During National Library Week, the local system will offer several special programs for children between 8 and 11 years of age. Each program will begin at 4 p.m., West said.

They will be held Tuesday at the WALTERIA Library, 3815 W. 242nd St.; Wednesday at the North Torrance branch, Artesia Boulevard and Yukon Avenue; Thursday at the Isabel Henderson branch, 4805 Emerald St.; and Friday at the El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque.



FAMILY SEMINAR . . . Checking a publicity poster for the first of a series of expanded seminars on the problem of family communications are Thomas Drucker, a UCLA student who leads the discussions; Mrs. G. F. Tanza, area chairman of the Federation of Coordination Councils; and Stanley Dunn, chairman of the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission and newly elected member of the Torrance Board of Education. The first seminar under the sponsorship of the Youth Welfare Commission and the Torrance Youth Council will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center. (Press-Herald Photo)

Public Schools Week

Special Events Slated In Torrance Classrooms

Public Schools Week will be observed in 36 elementary and five high schools in the Torrance Unified School District Monday through Friday, April 21 through 25.

Purpose of the national event, which began in California half a century ago, is to focus attention on year-round activities in the public schools. Theme of this year's observance is "The Public Schools—Freedom's Foundation Stone."

Highlighting activities will be science fairs at several elementary schools. Winners of school fairs will compete in the district fair May 1-2 at the Torrance Recreation Center.

OPEN HOUSE visitations are scheduled at every school in the district.

A special program commemorating the 50th observance of Public Schools Week will be sponsored by the Torrance Masonic Lodge at the Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo Ave., Friday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. The Anza Elementary School chorus will perform for

the Masons under the direction of Mrs. Mary Miller.

Science fairs will be conducted at Adams, Arlington, Calle Mayor, Crenshaw, Edison, Hillside, Levy, Lincoln, Parkway, Seaside, Yukon, Sepulveda, Victor, and Wright Elementary Schools.

CONCERTS are planned at Arnold, Perry, and Wood Elementary Schools and West High School.

Parent tours will be conducted by principals at Adams, Arlington, Calle Mayor, Jefferson, Perry, Seaside, and Yukon Elementary Schools.

At Casimir Elementary School parent tours will be conducted by room mothers who will point out such things as room environment, teaching attitudes, and materials being used. WALTERIA School conducted tours last week.

Special meetings will be held for eighth grade parents at Carr Elementary School, for sixth grade parents at Steele Elementary School, and for first and third grade parents at Adams Elementary School.

An eighth-grade father-son banquet and mother-daughter banquet will highlight activities at Fern-Greenwood Elementary School, which has also scheduled its kindergarten roundup for Public Schools Week.

A spring arts festival at Howard Wood Elementary School will feature two plays, vocal concerts, band concerts, and art displays.

Other special activities include an awards presentation at Hamilton Elementary School, an ice cream social at Levy Elementary School, a flag-raising ceremony for parents at Madison Elementary School, a program on drug abuse at Parkway and Flavian Elementary Schools, a curriculum fair at Riviera Elementary School, and a patriotic assembly for parents at Towers Elementary School.

West High School's sixth annual spring fair will include classroom observations, musical presentations in the school's new band shell, and a book fair.